

# State of Misconsin LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

# RESEARCH APPENDIX PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE FROM DRAFTING FILE

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# Appendix A1

**Appendix A1** The drafting file for LRB 13–0480 (used to create 13–3303) **Appendix A2** The drafting file for LRB 11–0558 (used to create 13–0480) **Appendix B1** <sup>™</sup> The drafting file for LRB 13–0481 (used to create 13–3303) **Appendix B2** The drafting file for LRB 11–0559 (used to create 13–0481) **Appendix C1** The drafting file for LRB 13–0482 (used to create 13–3303) **Appendix C2** The drafting file for LRB 11–0560 (used to create 13–0482) **Appendix D1** The drafting file for LRB 13–0483 (used to create 13–3303) **Appendix D2** The drafting file for LRB 11–0563 (used to create 13–0483) **Appendix E** The drafting file for LRB 13–0484 (used to create 13–3303) **Appendix F** <sup>□</sup> The drafting file for LRB 13–0486 (used to create 13-3303) **Appendix G** <sup>™</sup> The drafting file for LRB 13–0487 (used to create 13–3303) **Appendix H** <sup>™</sup> The drafting file for LRB 13–0488 (used to create 13–3303) **Appendix I** <sup>™</sup> The drafting file for LRB 13–0489 (used to create 13-3303)

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Requester's email:

Anne.Sappenfield@legis.wisconsin.gov

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#### Kähler, Pam

From:

Malaise, Gordon

Sent:

Thursday, November 01, 2012 3:47 PM

To:

Kahler, Pam

Subject:

FW: DCF Law Revision Proposals

Attachments:

20121031101703927.pdf; LRB-0568--2 Last session law revision bill (SB 460).pdf; LRB-0568-P1 CW #1 Notice to unborn child pdf; LRB-0569-P1 CW #2 &#3 Abuse & neglect + Foster parent training.pdf; LRB-0558-P1 CS #1 voluntary paternity - minors.pdf; LRB-4038-P1 CC #2

Criminal History of Child Care Licensees pdf, LRB-0559-P1 CS #3 GAL & deceased

respondents pdf; LRB-0563-P1 CS #4 Release of frozen accounts pdf; LRB-0560-P1 CS #2

Paternity summons imprisonment pdf

Pam:

The redrafts of 11-0558, 11-0559, 11-560, and 11-0563 are yours as is Item 1 under Child Care in the Secretary's memo relating to Shares Child Care Subsidy Eligibility Services.

The redrafts of 11-0568, 11-0569, and 11-4038 are mine.

Gordon

From: Sappenfield, Anne

Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2012 2:25 PM

To: Malaise, Gordon

Subject: FW: DCF Law Revision Proposals

Hi Gordon,

I am attaching DCF's requests to the Law Revision Committee for remedial legislation for next session.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Anne

From: DCF Secretary Eloise Anderson [mailto:DCFSecretaryEloiseAnderson@wisconsin.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2012 10:30 AM

To: Sappenfield, Anne

Cc: Archer, Cynthia - DCF; Lippert, MaryAnn - DCF

Subject: DCF Law Revision Proposals

Attached please find the Department of Children and Families remedial legislation proposals for consideration. A hard copy will follow in the mail.

#### **Child Support**

#### 1. Voluntary Paternity Acknowledgements From Minors

Specific Statutory Change:

Amend s. 69.15 (3) (b) 3 to remove the authority of the state registrar to receive voluntary paternity acknowledgements from minors.

Administrative or Substantive Problem with Current Law and Need for the Change: 2005 Wisconsin Act 443 created s.767.805 (1m) which provides that minor parents are not permitted to sign voluntary acknowledgements of paternity. However the vital records provisions in Chapter 69 still allow the state registrar to accept voluntary paternity acknowledgements from minors as long as the form is also signed by a parent or legal guardian of a minor. The Chapter 69 provision is in direct conflict with s. 767.805 (1m).

Fiscal Effect: None

Earlier LRB Draft: LRB-0558/P1

#### 2. Summons in Paternity Action

Specific Statutory Change:

Amend s. 767.813 (5) (a) to correct the maximum length of time for imprisonment for interfering with the custody of a child that is stated in the form for a paternity action summons.

Administrative or Substantive Problem with Current Law and Need for the Change: In s. 767.813 a form for a summons in a paternity action provides notice that interfering with the custody of a child (Class I felony, as identified in s. 948.31(2)) is punishable by imprisonment for up to five years. However, a Class I felony is actually punishable by imprisonment for up to three years and six months.

Fiscal Effect: None

Earlief LRB Draft: LRB-0560/P1 and LRB-0568/2 (2011 Senate Bill 460]

3. Paternity/GAL for Deceased Respondents

Specific Statutory Change:

Amend s. 767.865 (1) to provide that the symmons and petition must be served on the personal representative or the guardian ad item (not both) of the deceased respondent.

Administrative or Substantive Problem with Current Law and Need for the Change: 2005 Wisconsin Act 443 created s 767.865 under which a guardian ad litem is authorized to appear on behalf of a deceased respondent in a paternity action if there is no personal representative. However, the language provides that the summons and petition must be served on both the guardian ad litem and the personal representative.

Fiscal Effect: None

# "RESEARCH APPENDIX"

... Drafting History Reproduction Request Form ... DRAFTING ATTORNEYS: PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND GIVE TO MIKE BARMAN Note: BOTH DRAFTS SHOULD HAVE THE SAME "REQUESTOR" (exception: companion bills) Please <u>transfer</u> the drafting file for 2011 LRB 0558 (For: Rept 1961) to the drafting file for 2013 LRB 0480 (For: Rep. 48en: LRC) Please copy the drafting file for hide the version (For: Rep. / Sen. \_\_\_\_\_) 2013 LRB \_ t in the trafting file for 2013 LI mpanion Bills"?? ... Yes No If yes, who in the initial requestor's of ice authorized the copy/transfer of the drafting history

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## State of Misconsin 2011—2012 LEGISLATURE 2013—2014



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1 AN ACT to amend 69.15 (3)

AN ACT to amend 69.15 (3) (b) 3. of the statutes; relating to: deleting a reference

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to minors acknowledging paternity (suggested as remedial legislation by the

Department of Children and Families).

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a court may order child support, legal custody, and periods of physical placement on the basis of a statement acknowledging paternity that is signed by both parents and filed with the state registrar! The state registrar may insert the name of the father on a child's birth certificate on the basis of a statement acknowledging paternity. Since January 1, 2007, a minor has been prohibited from signing a statement acknowledging paternity. Current law, however, authorizes the state registrar to insert the father's name on a child's birth certificate on the basis of a statement acknowledging paternity that is signed by a minor parent as long as the minor parent's parent or legal guardian signs, too. This bill harmonizes the prohibition against a minor parent signing a statement acknowledging paternity with the statutes related to requirements for when the state registrar may change facts on birth certificates.

For further information, see the Notes provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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**BILL** 

Law Revision Committee Prefatory Note: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Children and Families and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

SECTION 1. 69.15 (3) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

69.15 (3) (b) 3. Except as provided under par. (c), if the state registrar receives a statement acknowledging paternity on a form prescribed by the state registrar and signed by both parents, and by a parent or legal guardian of any parent who is neither of whom was under the age of 18 years when the form was signed, along with the fee under s. 69.22, the state registrar shall insert the name of the father under subd. 1. The state registrar shall mark the certificate to show that the form is on file. The form shall be available to the department of children and families or a county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5) pursuant to the program responsibilities under s. 49.22 or to any other person with a direct and tangible interest in the record. The state registrar shall include on the form for the acknowledgment the information in s. 767.805 and the items in s. 767.813 (5g).

NOTE: Modifies the statute relating to inserting the name of a father on a birth certificate pursuant to an acknowledgement of paternity so that it is consistent with current law under which a minor father may not sign an acknowledgement of paternity.

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requires the court to appoint a guardian ad litem for a minor party who signed a statement acknowledging paternity in an action based on the statement and (END OF INSERT A-1)

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and 2) the statute that requires the court to appoint a guardian ad litem for a minor who signs a statement acknowledging paternity

(END OF INSERT A-2)

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SECTION 1. 767.805 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

767.805 (3) (b) Except as provided in s. 767.407, in an action specified in par.

(a) the court may appoint a guardian ad litem for the child and shall appoint a guardian ad litem for a party who is a minor, unless the minor party is represented by an attorney.

History: 1993 a. 481; 1995 a. 100; 1997 a. 191; 1999 a. 9; 2001 a. 16, 61; 2005 a. 304; 2005 a. 443 ss. 233, 242; Stats. 2005 s. 767.805. (END OF INSERT 2–13)

### DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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I have added an amendment to s. 767.805 (3) (b) to this bill draft. Since a minor may not sign a statement acknowledging paternity, the court may not appoint a guardian ad litem for a minor party in an action based on a statement acknowledging paternity.

Pamela J. Kahler Senior Legislative Attorney Phone: (608) 266-2682 E-mail: pam.kahler@legis.wisconsin.gov

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November 6, 2012

I have added an amendment to s. 767.805 (3) (b) to this bill draft. Since a minor may not sign a statement acknowledging paternity, the court may not appoint a guardian ad litem for a minor party in an action based on a statement acknowledging paternity.

Would you also like to repeal s. 69.15 (3m) (a) 4.? Persons under age 18 could sign statements acknowledging paternity before January 1, 2007; however, most likely more than 60 days have elapsed since all those who did have attained age 18.

Pamela J. Kahler Senior Legislative Attorney Phone: (608) 266–2682

E-mail: pam.kahler@legis.wisconsin.gov

#### Kahler, Pam

From:

Archer, Cynthia - DCF <Cynthia1.Archer@wisconsin.gov> Tuesday, November 27, 2012 3:00 PM

Sent:

To:

Cc:

Subject:

Kahler, Pam
Lippert, MaryAnn - DCF; Keys, Randall L - DCF
Drafter's note for LRB 0480/P1dn remedial legislation for DCF

Per your question. Yes, we agree, it would make sense to repeal s. 69.15 (3m) (a) 4.

Thanks.

Cindy Archer



# State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



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AN ACT to amend 69.15 (3) (b) 3. and 767.805 (3) (b) of the statutes; relating to:

deleting a reference to minors acknowledging paternity and a reference to
appointing a guardian ad litem for a minor who signs a statement

acknowledging paternity (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department

of Children and Families).

### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a court may order child support, legal custody, and periods of physical placement on the basis of a statement acknowledging paternity that is signed by both parents and filed with the state registrar. The state registrar may insert the name of the father on a child's birth certificate on the basis of a statement acknowledging paternity. Since January 1, 2007, a minor has been prohibited from signing a statement acknowledging paternity. Current law, however, requires the court to appoint a guardian ad litem for a minor party who signed a statement acknowledging paternity in an action based on the statement and authorizes the state registrar to insert the father's name on a child's birth certificate on the basis of a statement acknowledging paternity that is signed by a minor parent as long as the minor parent's parent or legal guardian signs, too. This bill harmonizes the prohibition against a minor parent signing a statement acknowledging paternity with 1) the statutes related to requirements for when the state registrar may change facts on birth certificates and 2) the statute that requires the court to appoint a guardian ad litem for a minor who signs a statement acknowledging paternity.

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For further information, see the Notes provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

# The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Law Revision Committee Prefatory Note: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Children and Families and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

SECTION 1. 69.15 (3) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

69.15 (3) (b) 3. Except as provided under par. (c), if the state registrar receives a statement acknowledging paternity on a form prescribed by the state registrar and signed by both parents, and by a parent or legal guardian of any parent who is neither of whom was under the age of 18 years when the form was signed, along with the fee under s. 69.22, the state registrar shall insert the name of the father under subd. 1. The state registrar shall mark the certificate to show that the form is on file. The form shall be available to the department of children and families or a county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5) pursuant to the program responsibilities under s. 49.22 or to any other person with a direct and tangible interest in the record. The state registrar shall include on the form for the acknowledgment the information in s. 767.805 and the items in s. 767.813 (5g).

NOTE: Modifies the statute relating to inserting the name of a father on a birth certificate pursuant to an acknowledgment of paternity so that it is consistent with current law, under which a minor father may not sign an acknowledgment of paternity.

SECTION 2. 767.805 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

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the statute related to requirements for rescinding a statement acknowledging paternity that has been filed with the state registrar, and 3) (END OF INSERT A)

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1	SECTION 1. 69.15 (3m) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:
2	69.15 (3m) (a) 3. Except as provided in subd. 4, the The person rescinding the
3	statement files the document under subd. 2. before the day on which a court or circuit
4	court commissioner makes an order in an action affecting the family involving the
5	man who signed the statement and the child who is the subject of the statement or
6	before 60 days elapse after the statement was filed, whichever occurs first.
7	History: 1985 a. 315; 1987 a. 413; 1989 a. 183; 1943 a. 481; 1995 a. 201, 404; 1997 a. 3, 27, 191; 2001 a. 16, 61; 2003 a. 52; 2005 a. 443 ss. 4, 5, 265; 2007 a. 20. SECTION 2. 69.15 (3m) (a) 4. of the statutes is repealed.
8	SECTION 3. 69.15 (3m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
9	69.15 (3m) (b) If the state registrar, within the time required under par. (a) 3
10	or 4., whichever is appropriate, receives a document prescribed by the state registra
11	for rescinding a statement acknowledging paternity under sub. (3) (b) 3., along with
12	the proper fee under s. 69.22, the state registrar shall prepare under sub. (6) a new
13	certificate omitting the father's name if it was inserted under sub. (3) (b).

History: 1985 a. 315; 1987 a. 413; 1989 a. 183; 1993 a. 481; 1995 a. 201, 404; 1997 a. 3, 27, 191; 2001 a. 16, 61; 2003 a. 52; 2005 a. 443 ss. 4, 5, 265; 2007 a. 20. (END OF INSERT 2-13)





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# PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION



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AN ACT to repeal 69.15 (3m) (a) 4.; and to amend 69.15 (3) (b) 3., 69.15 (3m) (a)

3., 69.15 (3m) (b) and 767.805 (3) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** deleting a reference to minors acknowledging paternity and a reference to appointing a guardian ad litem for a minor who signs a statement acknowledging paternity (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Children and Families).

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a court may order child support, legal custody, and periods of physical placement on the basis of a statement acknowledging paternity that is signed by both parents and filed with the state registrar. The state registrar may insert the name of the father on a child's birth certificate on the basis of a statement acknowledging paternity. Since January 1, 2007, a minor has been prohibited from signing a statement acknowledging paternity. Current law, however, requires the court to appoint a guardian ad litem for a minor party who signed a statement acknowledging paternity in an action based on the statement and authorizes the state registrar to insert the father's name on a child's birth certificate on the basis of a statement acknowledging paternity that is signed by a minor parent as long as the minor parent's parent or legal guardian signs, too. This bill harmonizes the prohibition against a minor parent signing a statement acknowledging paternity with 1) the statutes related to requirements for when the state registrar may change

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facts on birth certificates, 2) the statute related to requirements for rescinding a statement acknowledging paternity that has been filed with the state registrar, and 3) the statute that requires the court to appoint a guardian ad litem for a minor who signs a statement acknowledging paternity.

For further information, see the Notes provided by the Law Revision

Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

# The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

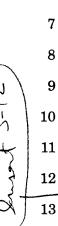
Law Revision Committee Prefatory Note: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Children and Families and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

**SECTION 1.** 69.15 (3) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

69.15 (3) (b) 3. Except as provided under par. (c), if the state registrar receives a statement acknowledging paternity on a form prescribed by the state registrar and signed by both parents, and by a parent or legal guardian of any parent who is neither of whom was under the age of 18 years when the form was signed, along with the fee under s. 69.22, the state registrar shall insert the name of the father under subd. 1. The state registrar shall mark the certificate to show that the form is on file. The form shall be available to the department of children and families or a county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5) pursuant to the program responsibilities under s. 49.22 or to any other person with a direct and tangible interest in the record. The state registrar shall include on the form for the acknowledgment the information in s. 767.805 and the items in s. 767.813 (5g).

NOTE: Modifies the statute relating to inserting the name of a father on a birth certificate pursuant to an acknowledgment of paternity so that it is consistent with current law, under which a minor father may not sign an acknowledgment of paternity.

SECTION 2. 69.15 (3m) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:



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69.15 (3m) (a) 3. Except as provided in subd. 4 the The person rescinding the statement files the document under subd. 2. before the day on which a court or circuit court commissioner makes an order in an action affecting the family involving the man who signed the statement and the child who is the subject of the statement or before 60 days elapse after the statement was filed, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 3. 69.15 (3m) (a) 4. of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 4.** 69.15 (3m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

69.15 (3m) (b) If the state registrar, within the time required under par. (a) 3. or 4., whichever is appropriate, receives a document prescribed by the state registrar for rescinding a statement acknowledging paternity under sub. (3) (b) 3., along with the proper fee under s. 69.22, the state registrar shall prepare under sub. (6) a new certificate omitting the father's name if it was inserted under sub. (3) (b).

**SECTION 5.** 767.805 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

767.805 (3) (b) Except as provided in s. 767.407, in an action specified in par. (a) the court may appoint a guardian ad litem for the child and shall appoint a guardian ad litem for a party who is a minor, unless the minor party is represented by an attorney.

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#### Kahler, Pam

From:

Sappenfield, Anne

Sent:

Friday, August 09, 2013 8:57 AM

To: Subject: Kahler, Pam LRC draft notes

Hi Pam,

Could you insert notes into the following drafts? Then they can be /1s.

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4 After SECTION 4:

Note: SECTIONS 2 to 4 modify the statute relating to rescinding a statement acknowledging paternity so that it is consistent with current law, under which a minor father may not sign a statement acknowledging paternity.

After SECTIONS:

Note: Removes a reference to appointing a guardian ad litem for a minor party in an action to establish child custody and placement for a father who has acknowledged paternity because a minor may not acknowledge paternity under current law.

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Add to the end of the note, "Also corrects a cross reference."

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After SECTION 2:

Note: Provides that the Department of Children and Families or a county department or agency may determine for purposes of eligibility for a Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy that certain educational activities would facilitate the individual's efforts to maintain employment. This change reflects that, under current law, the department or a county department or agency with which the department contracts determines eligibility for the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program.

Let me know if you have any questions. The law revision committee is planning to meet on these drafts on September 5, and we will want to mail them to the member one week in advance.

Thanks! Anne

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## State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



## 2013 BILL

AN ACT to repeal 69.15 (3m) (a) 4.; and to amend 69.15 (3) (b) 3., 69.15 (3m) (a) 3., 69.15 (3m) (b) and 767.805 (3) (b) of the statutes; relating to: deleting a reference to minors acknowledging paternity and a reference to appointing a guardian ad litem for a minor who signs a statement acknowledging paternity (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Children and Families).

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a court may order child support, legal custody, and periods of physical placement on the basis of a statement acknowledging paternity that is signed by both parents and filed with the state registrar. The state registrar may insert the name of the father on a child's birth certificate on the basis of a statement acknowledging paternity. Since January 1, 2007, a minor has been prohibited from signing a statement acknowledging paternity. Current law, however, requires the court to appoint a guardian ad litem for a minor party who signed a statement acknowledging paternity in an action based on the statement and authorizes the state registrar to insert the father's name on a child's birth certificate on the basis of a statement acknowledging paternity that is signed by a minor parent as long as the minor parent's parent or legal guardian signs, too. This bill harmonizes the prohibition against a minor parent signing a statement acknowledging paternity with 1) the statutes related to requirements for when the state registrar may change

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facts on birth certificates, 2) the statute related to requirements for rescinding a statement acknowledging paternity that has been filed with the state registrar, and 3) the statute that requires the court to appoint a guardian ad litem for a minor who signs a statement acknowledging paternity.

For further information, see the Notes provided by the Law Revision

Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

# The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Law Revision Committee Prefatory Note: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Children and Families and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

**SECTION 1.** 69.15 (3) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

69.15 (3) (b) 3. Except as provided under par. (c), if the state registrar receives a statement acknowledging paternity on a form prescribed by the state registrar and signed by both parents, and by a parent or legal guardian of any parent who is neither of whom was under the age of 18 years when the form was signed, along with the fee under s. 69.22, the state registrar shall insert the name of the father under subd. 1. The state registrar shall mark the certificate to show that the form is on file. The form shall be available to the department of children and families or a county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5) pursuant to the program responsibilities under s. 49.22 or to any other person with a direct and tangible interest in the record. The state registrar shall include on the form for the acknowledgment the information in s. 767.805 and the items in s. 767.813 (5g).

NOTE: Modifies the statute relating to inserting the name of a father on a birth certificate pursuant to an acknowledgment of paternity so that it is consistent with current law, under which a minor father may not sign an acknowledgment of paternity.

SECTION 2. 69.15 (3m) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

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69.15 (3m) (a) 3. Except as provided in subd. 4, the The person rescinding the
statement files the document under subd. 2. before the day on which a court or circuit
court commissioner makes an order in an action affecting the family involving the
man who signed the statement and the child who is the subject of the statement or
before 60 days elapse after the statement was filed, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 3. 69.15 (3m) (a) 4. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 69.15 (3m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

69.15 (3m) (b) If the state registrar, within the time required under par. (a) 3. or 4., whichever is appropriate, receives a document prescribed by the state registrar for rescinding a statement acknowledging paternity under sub. (3) (b) 3., along with the proper fee under s. 69.22, the state registrar shall prepare under sub. (6) a new certificate omitting the father's name if it was inserted under sub. (3) (b).

\*\*\*\*Note: Sections 2 and 4 modify the statute relating to rescinding a statement acknowledging paternity so that it is consistent with current law, under which a minor father may not sign a statement acknowledging paternity.

**SECTION 5.** 767.805 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

767.805 (3) (b) Except as provided in s. 767.407, in an action specified in par.

(a) the court may appoint a guardian ad litem for the child and shall appoint a guardian ad litem for a party who is a minor, unless the minor party is represented by an attorney.

\*\*\*\*Note: Removes a reference to appointing a guardian ad litem for a minor party in an action to establish child custody and placement for a father who has acknowledged paternity because a minor may not acknowledge paternity under current law.